

The Ansgar Lutheran

God and the Dentist

If you give the Lord the little finger, he takes the whole hand. There are many people who go to the Lord to be cured of some special sin, which makes them ashamed, or which destroys their daily life.

The Lord will gladly help them. But He is just as the dentist, to whom you go with a bad tooth. At once he looks over all the teeth.

The Lord does not stop with one sin. If you have first started to call upon Him, He will start a complete treatment.

—C. S. Lewis.

News and Notes

Two 8 Page Issues. It is not because we are lazy but because we want a ten-day vacation that we are giving you two 8 page issues, August 24 and 31. This is also a time which may warrant such small issues. Many people are on their vacations the last weeks of August. Perhaps we should simply tell you that you must read these 8 pages from beginning to end. They will help you.

Congratulations to Pastor C. C. Mengers, who was 90 years old August 19. He is the oldest living pastor in the U.E.L.C. He and his wife make their home at Blair, Nebr., either with their son, Dr. C. C. Mengers, or with their son-in-law, Pastor L. C. Hansen.

Council Bluffs, Iowa. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rev. Verner N. Carlsen, pastor, has bought a property just west of the church, 50 by 100 feet with a two-story brick house on the lot. The price was \$11,000.00 which is almost paid by this time. It is the plan to use the house for more Sunday School space.

Cedar Falls, Iowa. Nazareth Lutheran Church is in the process of building a new large educational unit.

Oaks, Oklahoma. During the last days of July our Cherokee Indian Mission was host to the Oklahoma Federation Bible School of the American Lutheran Church. Since this group represents about 8-10 churches in Oklahoma, not too large a group was expected. The visitors with the young people of the mission made a school of almost 50 pupils. The visiting boys and girls with their leaders were lodged in our two dormitories with our boys and girls. This was a very fine experience for our mission boys and girls and helped us to become better acquainted with their young people and some of their pastors.

Right now preparations are proceeding to get things in order to be ready to meet the friends and delegates who will be attending the Nebraska District Convention, the anniversary cele-

Home Mission Investments

What does it mean when the delegates assembled in annual Convention pass a resolution which affects the whole church? It means that the responsibility for carrying out such a resolution rests at the door of every responsible member of Synod. Such a resolution was passed at the last Convention when the delegates decided to give authority to the Synodical Church Council to borrow a sum for capital investments in Home Missions not to exceed \$75,000.00.

The need for this money is urgent as we must build at least one new church this year and there are some new fields on the waiting list for help in the building of their first units. There are also opportunities extended us in entirely new fields where we can not begin a work because we lack the funds. Our Synod needs to grow also through the establishment of new congregations.

Therefore this appeal to congregations and individuals who may have idle money on hand. These borrowed funds will be invested in a first mort-

gage carrying up to three percent interest paid out of current Home Mission funds. This interest is guaranteed and the resources of Synod are back of these loans. Smaller loans as well as larger ones are herewith solicited.

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K. M. Matthiesen, Ex. Sec.
Board of Home Missions.

help to us. And if anyone could bring an army cot, that would be a help for us in providing places for our mission boys and girls to sleep, whose beds will be used for our guests during those days. If there should be anyone who would be coming by train or bus will such please inform us as to where and where, and then someone will be there to meet them.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT TO MEET

The Wisconsin District will hold its Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention at Oregon, Wisconsin, September 17 to 20 with St. John's Lutheran Church and Pastor Robert Hansen as hosts. The opening service will be Thursday at 8 p.m. The convention theme is "The Spirit's Messages to the Churches," based on the passages to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation. Church members throughout the District are cordially invited. All congregations are urged to send delegates and all pastors are asked to be present.

Cornelius K. Hansen
District President

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Editorials and Comments

THE VIEWS OF TWO SCANDINAVIAN BISHOPS

"I believe in a spiritual change of climate," said Bishop Eyvind Berggrav of Norway in an interview in Denmark a few weeks ago. Even though the surface seems secular and the signs of anti-Christian forces are strong, the fact is that so many Christian forces have, it were, gone "underground." It may be a generation before we see the change, but nothing is as powerful as that which has gone "underground."

The bishop was asked: Do you believe that the revival will come through the church?

No, the church will only serve as a store of supply. It is of course a decisive factor, but it will hardly be the leading one.

Why not the church?

Because the strength of the church is the fact that it must be weak, when it is a question of finding new forms and expressions. The church must be faithful to that which it has, and it must not have any other ambition than to be faithful.

Do you believe that we shall see a new Reformation? It is possible something will appear which may deserve such a name, but let me say at once that if anyone thinks that Christ will be set aside, then I have no part in a renewal in that direction.

But modern man rebels against all dogmas.

It is true that we are living in a period of transition, in which we have drawn so much from the truths that are hidden in the dogmas, that we think we can get along without them. But the dogmas are like the tubers and roots in which the forces of life are kept. In the new time they will bring forth fresh sprouts.

Is that not a very optimistic view?

I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I simply mean that I have learned something from the long course of history and from the eternal truth about mankind. You may be assured that in the final analysis man wants to be a human being and nothing less.

What do you think is the task of the church in the period of transition in which you think we live?

The task of the church is not to look askance for new opportunities or chances. It must courageously follow the direction God places before it.

Therefore I believe that the greatest danger of the church is its anxiousness. This is not overcome by heroic boldness, but by quietly listening to the voice of the Lord as He speaks to us through our fellow men. The Lord of the church speaks to us through the voice of our fellow men. It is noteworthy today that the strongest spiritual motivating forces do not come from the pulpits, but they are transmitted from one individual to another. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the church find a way to seek those outside the church.

We have translated this interview from Kristeligt Blad, because it gives an idea of the views of a great European churchman. It may be that some of us do not hardly understand what the bishop says about the church. Yet we believe that it is right that the church

over against the world is weak. It must be weak, if it is to follow in the footsteps of Christ, that is, weak from the world's point of view.

The voice of the church is very different from the voice of Eisenhower or Churchill. The voice of the church is only God's voice when it speaks the Word of God to the situation in which we find ourselves.

We sometimes think of the church's prestige. It may be prestige in money, activity, or size. But the church has only one prestige before God. It must be faithful to declare the truth He has revealed.

THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH

We have just translated an interview with the Norwegian Lutheran Bishop Berggrav. It is therefore interesting to hear what a Danish Bishop, who has just resigned because of age, has to say. It is the well known Grundtvigian bishop, Axel Rosendal, who spoke at a recent meeting.

The old Adam has a tendency to conceive of spiritual matters as mere wood. The idea of the church councils was to create something that should protect the liberty of the church. But the church's only mark of nobility is that of the slave. It has a Master, however, not of this world. Does any one believe that the church councils, 12 lay people of each congregation representing the congregation, can do better than the parliament elected by the whole people? After all the church councils are also often elected according to the political views of the parish.

But the bishops should be the voice of the church, some one says. Well, do you want them to come forward unanimously and express the view of the church? How is it possible to get nine mature men to present a common resolution, if they are to be honest, and we should be honest. But during the last war we had Shepherds' Letters from the bishops during the time of the occupation. That is right, but this was in a situation of distress, where we all had the same desire with respect to the big problem before us. We must not expect that we should agree today about a rather sharply limited subject . . . Of course I believe there is something that may be called the voice of the church. And that voice has something to do with saving people. But I have never dreamed that the church councils or the bishops should represent that voice. Nine Christian bishops do not weigh any more than nine Christian grocerymen or nine Christian tailors. The church has one task: It must preach the Word of God.

The church embraces all of us. It is foolish to think that it should lift its voice and tell us how the problem of protective tariffs should be handled. It is in the personal sphere that the church makes its voice heard. It is where the Word of God places us in the responsible relation to the social difficulties. The church must not be a maker of programs but it is a leaven. Too many permit their relation to the church to be too loose. They do not show their color. It also seems as if the folk

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CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

1954 Latin American Lutheran Conference Plans Approved by LWF

Trondheim, Norway—The Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Federation issued a special appeal to Lutherans resettled or resident in Latin America to "make common cause and to engage fully in the task of making Christian witness and giving evangelical contributions to the life in that continent."

The appeal was voiced as the executive committee, meeting here July 27-August 2, approved policies of the LWF Committee on Latin America as well as plans for the second Latin American Lutheran conference to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the end of July, 1954.

Plans for this conference had previously been announced by Dr. Stewart W. Herman, director of the Committee on Latin America, at a special meeting of the committee at Staffanstop, Sweden, July 16-17.

At that meeting it had also been announced that the Latin American conference would be attended by Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, president of the LWF, and perhaps by Bishop Anders Nygren of Lund, Sweden, past president of the federation, and Bishop Johannes Smemo, primate of the Church of Norway.

The conference in Rio will be the second to unite all Lutherans in Latin America. The first of its kind was held in Curitiba, Brazil, in 1951.

In his report Dr. Herman said the general conference in Rio will be preceded by a special three-day meeting on securing Lutheran literature in Spanish and Portuguese as well as audio-visual aids for education in evangelism.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 56th Annual Convention of the Illinois District of the U.E.L.C. will be held September 17-20, 1953 at Emmaus Lutheran Church at McNabb, Illinois. Congregations of the Illinois District are urged to send delegates. All pastors of the District should attend. Join me in praying for a blessed convention.

Axel M. Andersen, District president

The Emmaus Lutheran Church of McNabb, Illinois, cordially invites the pastors, delegates and friends of the Illinois District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church to be their guests at the 56th annual convention of the Illinois District September 17-20.

Free lodging will be provided in the homes of the members of the congregations.

In approving the Lutheran program in Latin America, which has resulted in strengthening of old congregations and establishing of new ones in Colombia, Venezuela and other countries, the executive committee expressed its "joy and satisfaction" that Lutherans of diverse national and linguistic traditions in Latin America are "surmounting barriers that tend to divide."

Asserting that "the first and foremost basis of the Church and of every congregation is a firm confession of faith grounded in the Word of God," the executive committee assured Lutherans in Latin America that the LWF program "provides the widest possible service to Lutherans of the diaspora and also aims toward the firm establishment of healthy, self-supporting, indigenous Lutheran churches."

LWS Senior Representative in Latin America Named

Trondheim, Norway — Appointment of a senior representative of Lutheran World Service in Latin America was announced at the Lutheran World Federation's executive meeting here, July 27 - August 2.

Chosen for the new post was Mr. Arne Fjellbu, Jr., son of the Bishop of Trondheim.

His chief responsibility will be to organize reception and resettlement of European refugees in Latin American countries, especially in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, in cooperation with local Lutheran churches.

The young Norwegian, who for the past years served on the Lutheran World Federation Service to Refugees and the Lutheran World Service staffs in Germany, is expected to set up his new headquarters in Buenos Aires, Argentina, early this autumn.

It was explained here that during recent years 15,000 Lutheran refugees

have been resettled in Latin America under auspices of the Lutheran World Federation, and that presently good opportunities for resettlement of refugees exist in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Atlantic District herewith announces its 1953 Convention to be held September 3rd to 6th, inclusive, with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Laurens, N. Y., as host.

All Pastors will please be present and all congregations will please send duly elected delegates. Each congregation is entitled to one delegate for every fifty confirmed members or portion thereof.

Viggo J. Petersen, President
Eric Christensen, Secretary

St. Matthew Luth. Church extends cordial invitation to all pastors, delegates and visitors who plan to be our guests at the convention. All services and meetings will be held in the chapel of Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y. The communion service Saturday night and the Sunday closing service will be conducted in the church in Laurens.

All guests will be housed in the college dormitories. You are requested to bring sheets, pillowcases and blanket. Registration fee \$1.00; Breakfast \$.50; Lunch \$.85. Dinner in one of the restaurants.

All who wish to attend the Atlantic District convention will please send their names to Mrs. Peter Hansen Laurens, N. Y., before the 15th of August.
C. C. Klothe

gation. Reasonably priced meals will be served by the Ladies Aid in the church dining hall. Motel cabins may be rented at special rates. Write Rev. Hansen for information.

All reservations should be sent to Mr. Clarence Keller, McNabb, Illinois before the first of September, if possible.

In your reservation please state how and when you plan to come, also how long you plan to stay.

Pres. George Clausen
Sec'y. Mrs. Herbert Carr
Pastor Henry M. Hansen

EBEN-EZER SUNDAY— SUNDAY THE 30th AUGUST

For forty years the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity has been known to our churches in the Danish Evangelical

Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church as EBEN-EZER SUNDAY.

Eben-Ezer Lutheran Home and Hospital at Brush, Colorado, has on this day been privileged to extend an appeal to our congregations for a special offering to support our work among the crippled and invalidated aged and young people. We do so again this year with the permission of our Church Council and with confidence in God that He has helped us until now through His Church and will continue to do so.

And we send our appeal with a good conscience. Next year it will be fifty years since Pastor Madsen began his ministry of mercy. Through that many years Eben-Ezer has cared for hundreds of sick, blind, crippled and aged.

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The Meeting That Failed

illiterate young lay preacher a series of meetings in a barn Dublin, Ireland, one night many ago. It was a discouraging meeting much so that the preacher the series right then and there moved on to more fruitful fields. A handful of villagers came, and it was at a low ebb. True, a boy did come forward in response to the invitation, but no one was impressed. Why, that was only Gus. Certainly Gus would never set the world on fire.

"Gus" didn't set the world on fire. He became a leading minister in the Anglican Church. He wrote a number of books on polemics, but they have long since been extinct. He preached thousands of sermons. They are forgotten. He wrote one hundred and three hymns. They, too, have survived the years. Perhaps I had to amend that last statement. One hundred and thirty-two of them have not survived the years.

Gus did not set the world on fire. You see, he died when he was thirty-eight. We do not know much he would have been able to do if he lived longer. As it was, he lived only—well, off-hand, I'd say only a few million. Maybe I am being him justice, but that is just as it is.

I should not be calling him Gus anymore. He had a much more dignified name. If you want to know his name, you can pick up a hymnal—any one will do—Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, even Unitarian, Christian, Jew, Catholic—any hymnal—and you will find Gus's name somewhere. You will find it just above the hymn which is said to be one of the best—best-loved, most widely-used ever written.

That hymn has seen a lot of history. General Stuart, gallant Confederate cavalry leader, sang it as he died in the battle of Richmond. Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, repeated it on his deathbed, adding the famous words: "If in this hour I had only my worldly honors and dignities to depend upon, I should be poor indeed."

From the smoke and din of many battlefields, from the sorrow and suffering of countless sick-beds, from the heights and depths of blessed experiences have come stories of comfort, strength, and joy derived from this hymn:

ROCK OF AGES

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

"Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

"Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

"While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

Maybe you could not say that Gus "set the world on fire," but he—Augustus Montague Toplady—has touched more people than any poet, scholar, king, or preacher of history.

Toplady was a bitter doctrinal opponent of the illustrious brothers, John and Charles Wesley. While much of their difference was due to misunderstanding of the other's viewpoint, nevertheless many harsh words flew from their prolific pens. It is interesting to note that this beloved hymn was a direct outgrowth of their controversies. He had an idea that Wesley taught that sinners could atone in part for their own wrongdoings.

As part of this remarkable discussion, he included a poem entitled, "A Living and Dying Prayer for the Holiest Believer in the World." The title was later shortened—fortunately—to "Rock of Ages!"

Tradition tells us that Toplady wrote the hymn while taking shelter in a cave during a violent thunderstorm. That rock, located near Bristol, England, at Burrington Coombs, is the center of an annual celebration on November 4, Toplady's birthday.

The Scriptural basis of the hymn may be found in the cleft of the rock of Exodus 33:22; the interpretation of the rock, I Corinthians 10:4, and the story of the crucifixion, John 19:34.

The stanzas of the hymn have been dissected to the last word by critics of several generations, and all manner of literary defects have been exposed. Yet for over a century and a half, in a dozen languages, in every part of the world, people of all classes have persisted in singing its simple yet profound message.

—The Pilot

EBEN-EZER SUNDAY

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in the HOME (Bethesda), both body and soul. Many faithful men and women helped to carry the daily burden of bringing comfort and relief to the sick and helpless. Many of the Sisters have served for forty years and are still with us. Tell new fellow workers that it is love of Christ that counts in this ministry of mercy, for it takes renewal of strength daily from Him.

Eben-Ezer has had the grace of God renew its strength and adapt its facilities and experience to the requirements of the changing times. It is used as a sanitarium for people suffering from tuberculosis. When that was taken over by the state the building was remodeled to help aged

people and the HOSPITAL served as the only general hospital in Colorado east of Denver. Again after the last war a change has taken place. Many small community hospitals have been built to serve the field. At the same time increasing numbers of chronic sick and bedridden aged people have appealed for help, such that no hospital can take in, and they cannot be helped in homes of relatives where everybody are bread-earners.

True to its calling Eben-Ezer has opened its doors for such that nobody else can help. We care for 85 helpless people and others are kept waiting for lack of room and workers. It takes a large staff to serve them, dress and feed them and nurse them day and night in three shifts. It is a costly ministry and has taxed our resources

to the utmost. But it has also taught us to concentrate on that special service. We shall have to give responsibility for the HOSPITAL to the community whom it serves, so that we may give all our time and means to the work for the helpless.

We cannot carry this responsible ministry unless the Church is behind it. It is on behalf of the Church we extend this helping hand to the helpless. We need your prayers, your gifts, and some willing workers from out of your midst.

May we count on you to place your gift on the altar on EBEN-EZER SUNDAY? "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Victor E. Bagger, Superintendent
Eben-Ezer Lutheran Home and Hospital, Brush, Colorado

BY THE FIRESIDE

AGAINST THAT DAY

"For I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able to
keep that which I have committed un-
to Him against that day."

AGAINST WHAT DAY?

The day of great temptation,
When powers of ill,
Subtle and strong, would overwhelm
the fortress
Of mind and will.

AGAINST WHAT DAY?

The day when sudden anguish
Crushes the soul;
When ruthless pain and cold, relentless
sorrow
Takes bitter toll.

AGAINST WHAT DAY?

The day of swift destruction,
When in a day
The hardly-garnered treasures of a
lifetime
Are swept away.

AGAINST WHAT DAY?

The day when Death's grey angel
Crosses my door,
Blotting out life's sweet song and gol-
den sunshine
For evermore.
Against that day,
That day of dread,
When strong heart faileth
And hope is fled;
Day of life's direst need
Or Death's dark sleep,
I am persuaded that my God is able
My soul to keep!

E. Margaret Clarkson—"His,"
February, 1952

GUARDIAN ANGEL

By Martha Snell Nicholson

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,"
They filled the universe
From times's first early dawning,
Before man's fall and curse.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,"
In robes of snowy white,
Touching harps of glory,
They praise him day and night.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,"
They circle all our sphere—
Past myriad stars their anthems
Drift upward to God's ear.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,"
One watches me alone,
To keep my feet, unwary,
From stumbling on a stone.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,"
Who but God has ever dreamed
Of making these bright beings
To serve his own redeemed!

Moody Monthly

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

By Homer F. Yale

I have made a wonderful discovery.
It is something that everybody ought
to have learned, but only a few seem
seem to know about it.

The secret is found in the last chap-
ter of Matthew's Gospel, in the last
verse. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you
always." Most people, even Christians,
think of Jesus as a man who lived
nineteen hundred years ago in an Eas-
tern country, a very wonderful man
who performed many great miracles,
and gave great teaching, and after be-
ing executed as a criminal arose from
the dead. He appeared to his disciples
many times for forty days, then dis-
appeared.

But he was still with them in the
person of the Holy Spirit. He told his
followers that it would be better for
them if he should disappear from their
physical sight, for they would then
know him more intimately, because he
would be dwelling in them. The same
Jesus who had walked with them in
Judea and Galilee and Samaria was
now a part of their very lives, and
they were stronger and better in every
way.

Anyone who will make a full sur-
render to Christ today will become
conscious of his presence and will re-
ceive a wonderful happiness and joy.

At once they will become anxious to
have others know him. If they do not
tell others about this wonderful hap-
piness that has come to them, they will
lose the sense of his presence. The sur-
render must be complete, and must in-
clude body, mind, and soul, time and
talents, and all we are and have. But
the results are tremendous.

Watchman-Examiner

GOOD GUESS

On an NBC radio program on which
contestants guessed the names of musi-
cal selections, the orchestra played the
"Pilgrim's Chorus" from Tannhauser.
The contestant became stumped; he
was given a clue: "It's about a group
who suffered a lot and finally reached
their goal." Came the ready answer:
"The Republicans."—American Artist.

GOD SPEAKS IN CHRIST

By Edward L. Crane

God spoke to man in ages past
In many varied ways,
In types and shadows, pictures, to
Sometimes of brilliant rays.
God speaks to us today in Christ,
His own eternal Son,
Who set the bounds of every age
Before they had begun.

God speaks to us in Jesus' birth,
For well he knows our plight.
He took relationship with man
To bring to us his light.
God speaks to us in Jesus' life,
That all the world may see
The Father's will completely done
For you, my friend, and me.

God speaks to us in Jesus' death.
The lamb for sinners slain,
That we by faith may be forgiven
Be cleansed from every stain.
God speaks in resurrection power
To all who will believe
That we by grace through Jesus' b
Eternal life receive.

Watchman-Examiner

SAFER OCCUPATION

Last year, a pair of Alabama
hunters were sorely disappointed
find that their favorite guide had
serted them to serve visiting fis-
men instead. "What's the mat
Don't you like hunters?" one of t
asked.

"Like 'em first rate."

"Do fishermen pay more?"

"Nope."

"Then what's the idea of taking
with them?"

"Friend," the veteran woodsman
plied, "I just got plumb tired of be-
shot at for a deer. So fur, ain't
body mistook me for a fish."—Upw

Man can criticize woman all
wants to, but we know 3 things in
favor:

First, she never wastes \$2 worth
shotgun shells in order to get a 25-c
rabbit. Second, you never heard
one going into a restaurant and buy
a 50-cent meal and giving the wa
a 25-cent tip because he smiled at
Third, we have never heard of a w
an yet who will use 20 gallons of
and pay \$25 for boat hire to get wh
the fish are not.

"Historians say that women were
ing cosmetics in the Middle Ages."

"Well, women in the middle ages
still using them."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Child- ren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pension Fund
ly acknowledged	21021.55	2249.40	6483.10	2677.84	5347.60	1208.85	590.63	2464.13
Wis., Sunday School of First English Luth. Church for Oaks								
ren's Home	29.56	29.56						
Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	989.94	89.94	500.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	25.00	75.00
Ia., Bethany Ladies Aid	23.70				23.70			
Mont., Carl M. Jensen and Ezra in memory of H. P. Henningsen	10.00				10.00			
Nebr., First Luth. Church in memory of Harry Kinkenon, Nels								
nsen, Mrs. Chres Keilstrup and Karl R. Jetter, Jr., a Korean								
hero	20.00				20.00			
St. Paul's Luth. Sunday School, a Mission Garden offering	48.00	24.00				24.00		
Wis., Loyal Workers in memory of Mrs. John Bille, Luck, Wis.	2.00				2.00			
Nebr., Mrs. K. F. Johansen in memory of J. Will Jensen, Plainview,								
	3.00			3.00				
anch, Iowa, the Robert Geertz family in memory of Aage Chris-								
en	1.00				1.00			
anch, Ia., Ladies Aid and W.M.S. of Bethany Luth. Church in								
ory of Aage Christensen	5.00				5.00			
d, Ia., Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Louisa								
sen	5.00	5.00						
TOTAL	22158.75	2397.90	6983.10	2780.84	5509.30	1332.85	615.63	2539.13

AL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. Mission	Gen. Fd. Foreign Missions
ly acknowledged	28046.23	2826.98	2612.20	2634.91	2172.21	130.93	172.00	17476.00	21.00
Wis., Milltown Luth. Sunday School, a mission offering	26.52			26.52					
Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brodersen in memory of John									
ner, Grenora, N. Dak.	5.00	5.00							
Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Hansen	10.00	5.00	5.00						
Alberta, Canada, Pastor and Mrs. Reynold Tange in									
emory of Kay Larsen, Makepeace	5.00	5.00							
Ill., Emmaus Luth. Sunday School	6.25	6.25							
St. Paul's Luth. Sunday School, Mission Garden offer-									
	75.00	25.00	25.00	12.50	12.50				
Idaho, Ebenezer Luth. Church	12.88							12.88	
ake, Ia., St. Mark's Guild	20.00	10.00			10.00				
Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church	45.50							45.50	
Minn., Bethany Ladies Aid for support of a boy in the									
an Mission	40.00				40.00				
e, Calif., from a friend of Our Savior's Luth. Church	10.00	10.00							
anch, Ia., Mrs. Aage Christensen and Floyd Christensen									
emory of Aage Christensen	10.00			10.00					
Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church	88.81							88.81	
ok, Me., Trinity Luth. Sunday School	63.01	63.01							
olis, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Church	24.35							24.35	
d, Ia., Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Anton									
ericksen	5.00			5.00					
Ia., Nazareth Luth. Ladies Aid	40.10							40.10	
on, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church	64.19							64.19	
a, Wis., Trinity Luth. Sunday School	14.16	14.16							
nes, Ia., The W.M.S. of Highland Park Luth. Church	15.00				15.00				
riel, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen in memory of									
V. I. Jensen, Plainview, Nebr.	5.00				5.00				
Ia., Immanuel Luth. Sunday School	8.75		8.75						
e, N. Dak., in memory of Mrs. Margrethe Mugaas from									
drick D. Mugaas, Bismark, N. D., Joseph Mugaas, St.									
is Park, Minn., Einar Mugaas, New Salem, N. D., Mr.									
Mrs. Leo Christiansen, Lincoln, Nebr.	38.00			38.00					
Wis., Circle No. 1 of Emmaus Luth. Church for leprosy					10.00				
k in Ni-eria	10.00								
TOTAL	28688.75	2970.40	2650.95	2726.93	2264.71	130.93	172.00	17751.83	21.00

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ly acknowledged	\$ 9.00
nes, Ia., Highland Park Luth. Church	15.00
Total	\$24.00

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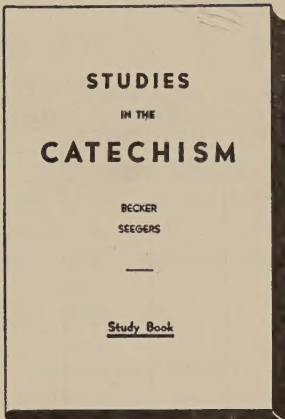
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high schools do not produce the same influence in their students as previously. A number of people adjust their church attendance according to their own taste, or they look at the church as a spiritual restaurant and move

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